

## MYSTERY DEEPENING IN STEINHEIL TRIAL

At Every Stage Proceedings  
Grow More and More  
Confusing.

## ATTITUDE OF COURT UNDERGOES CHANGE

No Longer Browbeats Prisoner.  
Witnesses and Counsel's  
Nerves on Edge.

PARIS, Nov. 8.—Fully as much mystery today surrounds the trial of Mme. Marguerite Steinheil for the murder of her husband and mother as enshrouds the crime with which she is charged.

At every stage the proceedings of the assize court grow more mysterious. The most commonplace question, put to an important witness, seems pregnant with a dire importance, and judge, jury, and spectators, as well as the black-clad prisoner, wait breathlessly for an answer.

This idea of grave revelations impending, which has pervaded the court room since the trial began, has racked the nerves of everyone in connection with the case, until when witnesses were questioned today the slightest incident was sufficient to precipitate a bitter altercation.

### Change in de Valles.

The spectators are puzzled over the obvious change which has come over President of the Court de Valles, who conducted the terrible inquisition to which Mme. Steinheil was subjected for the first three days of the trial. De Valles has become restless and impatient. He appears to wish the whole thing over, and he impatiently hurries witnesses in their testimony.

Most entirely ceased the baiting of Mme. Steinheil, and the third degree methods by which he sought to entrap her.

Those in the courtroom are recalling several questions which Mme. Steinheil obviously evaded during the examination of other witnesses and which De Valles appeared perfectly willing to let pass unanswered. Several times in the course of the examination the former favorite of dead President Faure remarked:

“Monsieur President, I think we will not discuss that.”

And De Valles acquiesced. He seemed fearful of making public something which were better kept secret.

The spectators are wondering if Madame Steinheil's silence on these points may not have had something to do with the abandonment of De Valles terrible questioning.

Meantime the prosecutor general has taken up the inquisition, and in some reason he goes to great length to make an opportunity for insulting witnesses who are favorable to the defense. He has even caused several outbreaks in the audience by his biting sarcasm, and the evident malice of his prosecution. All of this is certainly not injurious to Mme. Steinheil's position before the jury, and she takes advantage of it, emphasizing the vindictive attitude of the prosecution by her alternate defiance and pleading. She takes voluminous notes throughout the session, evidently for use in preparing the closing speech which she is allowed to make and which will undoubtedly be her strongest appeal.

On Verge of Breakdown.

After several altercations with judge and prosecutor today, however, Madame Steinheil appeared almost on the verge of a nervous collapse. The general irritation in the courtroom, and the constant squabbling seemed to worry her. At one point in an angry altercation with de Valles over one of her rings which was missing after the crime, she aroused the president of the court by saying:

“I have already explained in a manner simple enough to enlighten a child, but you are unable to understand.”

The infection carried a reflection on the intelligence of de Valles, and while the spectators were laughing provokingly, de Valles momentarily lost his temper. After this encounter Mme. Steinheil was visibly weaker, and it is feared that she will not be able to stand another day of the ordeal.

Begins Buoyantly.

More than encouraged by the friendly testimony given yesterday at her trial, and the friendly expressions of the audience, Mme. Steinheil, the “Red Widow,” stepped buoyantly as she entered the courtroom. Hope radiated from her at every glance. She evidently believes the government's case against her is just as good as destroyed already.

That there was no trace of narcotics in the bodies of M. Steinheil and Mme. Jappy when they were found was the testimony of the medical experts. The artist and his mother-in-law had been slain by strangulation, declared the doctors. Nothing had been administered to stupefy them before the killing, the witnesses said. They also testified that they had examined Mme. Steinheil and had found that her strength was entirely inadequate to have killed her husband by strangulation.

Paralyzed With Fear.

Dr. Balazard, one of the medical experts, declared M. Steinheil had evidently been paralyzed with fear before his life was taken. The presence of Mme. Steinheil was not sufficient to explain this fear. There must have been others in the room, he declared.

Dr. Suft, who made the autopsy on the bodies of the two victims of the killing, declared that they were but slightly marked, indicating to him that there had been little struggling, if any.

As a final word, Dr. Suft added, “I believe, unhesitatingly, in the story of assassins.”

Frederick Harrison Burlingham, an American journalist, started the audience to laughing when he was placed on the stand. There was nothing humorous about his testimony, but a Frenchman always laughs at the struggles of a foreigner to speak his language. Harrison was one of the men accused by Mme. Steinheil as a participant in the murder. She was not backward in withdrawing the accusation, and the judge stated yesterday that there was absolutely nothing against the American.

ROPE KILLS MAN.

CHESTER, Pa., Nov. 8.—Joseph B. Cullen, twenty-four years old, of this city, was struck on the head by a heavy rope, which broke at the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Eddystone. He was huried to the Chester Hospital, but died before reaching the institution. His head was smashed to a jelly.

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## “Tissue of Falsehood,” Is Reply Made by Secretary Ballinger

“My attention has been directed to the text of an article purporting to have been written by L. R. Glavis, which is to appear in Collier's Weekly, and advance copies of which have been furnished by that Weekly to the press.

“The Glavis story is a tissue of falsehood and insinuations utterly unwarranted in view of the facts easily obtained by anybody who wants them.

“It is not surprising that a publication which could, in pursuit of this same propaganda, recklessly, under date of October 30, reproduce a view appearing on a familiar railroad folder of the Grand River Canyon in Colorado, as a picture of an available power site which was in danger of unlawful acquisition on the South Platte river, 200 miles away, and across the Continental Divide, should be willing, without the slightest effort to ascertain the real facts, to give wings to a story which had heretofore been submitted to so great and just a man as the President of the United States, who, after a most careful consideration thereof, in which he had before him the entire files of the General Land Office and of the Secretary of the Interior, relating to each and every one of the matters presented, pronounced the same disingenuous and without justification.

“The statement of Glavis has gained nothing either as to its veracity or justification in the interval since its presentation to the President, and in view of the complete vindication by the President of myself and the other officers of the department concerned, I will make no further statement at present.

“RICHARD A. BALLINGER, Secretary of the Interior.”

## FEDERATION IS BACK OF GOMPERS' FIGHT FATHER WOULD STOP ELOPING DAUGHTER

Executive Committee Recommends Appeal From  
the Jail Sentences.

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of immigration, and the enactment of employer's liability laws.

In view of the injunctions against boycotts, it is recommended that in the future the effect of a practical boycott be obtained by advertising the manufacturers of union-made goods. The prohibition of second hand clothing and bottles is recommended, unless such have been cleaned under the supervision of boards of health.

The report declares that none other than Mr. Gompers' legitimate expenses were paid by the Federation on his recent European trip. The auditing committee made its report after the reading of the executive committee's report, after which the convention adjourned.

## MRS. STEINER CASE AROUSSES FRIENDS

Immigration Officials Say Cincinnati Woman Has Progressive Muscular Atrophy.

“Progressive muscular atrophy” is the reason given at the Bureau of Immigration today for the deportation of Mrs. Kate Steiner, a native of Ireland, who with her late husband lived fifteen years in Cincinnati. Residents of the Ohio city have been protesting against this deportation order on the ground that all that was the matter with the lady was a weak neck.

Mrs. Steiner's husband died in Cincinnati several years ago. In May a year ago she left for Ireland on a visit to her parents. On her return to America she was detained at Ellis Island as a person likely to become a public charge.

A delegation is expected to lodge a protest with Secretary Nagel today, but at the department no word has been received regarding the matter.

TAFT SEES ARTICLE, BUT DOES NOT TALK

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 9.—President Taft's attention was called today to the article in Collier's entitled “The Tissue of Falsehood,” and he was asked for an expression of opinion. He declined to comment on the article in any form.

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## MRS. TAFT INSPECTS NEW OFFICE ROOMS

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Be Ready for Him by  
Tomorrow.

Mrs. Taft today inspected the completed new offices of the President, and expressed herself as greatly pleased with them.

By the time Mr. Taft arrives in Washington tomorrow night, they will be in readiness for him. His own office is a circular room on the south side of the addition to the old offices, and it is modeled after the Blue Room in the White House proper. His office, however, is done in green and white, with green carpet and curtains.

His old office has been enlarged so as to make a commodious Congressional waiting room. The old Cabinet room has been converted into an office for the Chief Clerk of the White House.

Running almost the entire length of the building and dividing the old from the new part, is a wide corridor, along which have been placed potted plants. The new Cabinet room, immediately to the east of the President's office, is much larger than the old one. In addition to his office, the President has a small retiring room between the Cabinet room and his main office.

Mr. Carpenter, the Secretary to the President, has a new office on the west side of the addition.

“He had so many girls, we don't quite place this one,” said a sister-in-law. “I guess it's true.”

## HER NECK IS BROKEN IN FALL DOWN STEPS

Baltimore Woman Makes Mistake That Results in Death.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 9.—Mistaking the stairway for a closet, Miss Clara Coppenhaver, forty-five years old, fell down a pair of steps and broke her neck at her home, 1815 North Caroline street, some time during the night.

The death of the woman was discovered by the Rev. W. T. Wray, who lives in the neighborhood.

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STIEHLING—On Monday November 8, 1909, ANNA M. widow of Herman Stiebling, a native of Germany. She came to America when she was twelve years of age. In 1841, she came to Washington with her husband. Since that time she had been a resident of this city. Mrs. Stiebling was sixty-eight years of age, and survived by two children, both of New York.

FAGAN—On Monday, November 8, 1909, at 3:30 p. m. JEANNE STICKNEY FAGAN, beloved wife of M. E. Fagan, aged forty-five years.

Funeral Wednesday, November 10, at 9 o'clock from the residence, 1512 Park road northwest, thence to St. Paul's Church. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul, at 9:30 o'clock.

CARR—On Monday, November 8, 1909, THOMAS H. beloved husband of Margaret E. Carr (nee Dunne), aged 51 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 149 S street northwest, thence to St. Martin's Church, where requiem mass will be said for the repose of his soul. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

Mr. Carr was fifty years old, and had been a resident of Washington for more than forty-five years. He had been a plastering contractor for many years, and during that time held the contract for that work on some of the city's largest buildings. Mr. Carr's death resulted from a complication of diseases, after an illness of more than a year. His wife, four daughters, and two sons survive him.

In Memoriam.

CARASAS—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear husband and our devoted father STEPHEN G. CARASAS, who left us one year ago today, November 9, 1908.

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## GLAVIS' STATEMENT ON LAWYER'S ADVICE

Former Special Agent of the General Land Office  
Seeks to Vindicate Action in Making Original  
Accusations About Water Power Sites.

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sion entirely in favor of Mr. Ballinger and his conduct of the department. Glavis' case had greatly impressed Forester Pinchot; and it was on Pinchot's advice that Glavis was induced to go up to the President. Glavis was discharged. Ballinger was given a certificate of character, and Pinchot received a long letter assuring him that the President was most anxious that his valuable services should be continued at the Forestry Bureau.

Glavis received a dated sort of impression that somewhere or other he had had the worst of the encounter. When he had pulled himself together he came East, got a lawyer and some other advisers, and prepared a detailed statement of his case—the same case that had appeared to President Taft—and this statement is presented in the current number of Collier's Weekly, issued today.

Coal Land Cases.

Glavis discusses in the main the Cunningham coal land claims, in Alaska. It has been his effort to show that under the Garfield administration those claims had no chance whatever to go to patent; but that as soon as Secretary Ballinger took charge there was a change of policy, and a mysterious pressure began to be exerted to force those same claims to patent. The detailed statement of Glavis' information and the reasons for his suspicions has never before been given to the public.

President Taft, however, saw the same material, and had it before him when he wrote his famous letter to Secretary Ballinger, some two months ago, giving that official a complete vindication of all the charges. A study of the Glavis statement, alongside the letter of President Taft, indicates clearly that some of the matters involved were given widely different constructions by the President and the special agent.

Entirely aside from the fact that Forester Pinchot sent Glavis to the President, there is excellent reason for the belief that the forester's construction of these things has agreed with that of Glavis rather than with that which the President and the Interior Department executives have adopted.

Show New Phase.

The publication of the Glavis statement is regarded as certain to precipitate a new phase of the general conservation warfare. Thus far it has been a decidedly unseemly controversy between the Interior and Agricultural Departments. The President had taken the side of the former. The public has had only a vague and general notion of the merits of the affair, because it only knew in a penumbral fashion what it was all about.

But with the publication of the Glavis case, the public will be able to judge as between Glavis and Pinchot on one side and Ballinger on the other. The sharp division of opinion, and the highly interesting light which the Glavis document presents at certain points, are responsible for a confident belief in informed circles that a Congressional

investigation of the whole matter will now be unavoidable.

It is certain that this is what the Pinchot forces want. They have gone to rather 7 remarkable extremes, in their efforts to force the fighting into the open. Mr. Pinchot has done his own talking directly to the President, and to his immediate chief, Secretary Wilson; but it is known throughout all Washington officialdom that Mr. Pinchot does not consider the present Secretary of the Interior a proper trustee for the public interests that are committed to his administration; and it is suspected that he has made small effort to conceal this impression from the President, during their conversations on the subject while they were traveling together in the West.

Is An Anomaly.

The fact is that the retention of both Ballinger and Pinchot in the Government service, in view of the universal knowledge that they are bitter enemies, is an anomaly which is generally regarded as impossible of much longer continuance. The publication of the Glavis statement may or may not precipitate the end. If it does not, there is almost unanimous belief that Congress will be taking a hand before many more weeks.

Secretary Ballinger was shown a copy of the Glavis statement as printed in Collier's, but said he would have, at this time, only a very brief comment to make on it. He might later, however, deliver a more extended statement and analysis of the situation.

Commissioner Dennett, of the General Land Office, who is also a subject of Mr. Glavis' attentions in the statement, likewise said he would, for the present at least, be very brief in his consideration of the Glavis statement.

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